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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/618,052

Applicants: Koji OSHIMA, et al.

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD

FOR VEHICLE Group Art Unit: 3681 Examiner: HO, H.

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In response to the election of species requirement of August 27, 2004, Applicants hereby elect species 2 of (Figs. 1-7, and 9). Claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11 correspond to this species.

This election is being made with traverse. Any proper search for the elected species will also necessarily require a search through the appropriate classes and subclasses for the other species. It would therefore not constitute a significant additional burden on the Office for the examiner to examine all of the species in the present application, and so the election of species requirement is believed to be unjustified.

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Application No. 10/618,052 Reply to Office Action of August 27, 2004

Favorable and timely consideration of the elected species is requested.

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